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## **NEWARK ARMED CAREER CRIMINAL SENTENCED TO 188 MONTHS FOR POSSESSION OF FIREARM**

Charles A. Webster, Jr., age 36, of Newark, Delaware, was sentenced late yesterday to 188 months in prison for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, in violation of federal law. David C. Weiss, United States Attorney for the District of Delaware, made the announcement following the pronouncement of the sentence by United States District Judge Sue L. Robinson.

A jury convicted Webster of the gun crime in December 2008. According to evidence presented at trial, Webster was arrested following the Delaware Probation and Parole Office's August 23, 2007 search of his residence, during which two stolen firearms were found. At the time of the probation office's search, Webster was on probation for a prior assault and firearm conviction that involved a November 1997 shooting in Wilmington. He had been released from prison for a gun offense less than two years prior to his August 2007 arrest. In addition, Webster also had been convicted of a separate gun-related assault in 1991 and a violation of probation relating to that offense in 1998.

The probation office conducted the August 2007 search of Webster's residence after receiving information that he had been the target of two shooting incidents in Newark and Wilmington in the three days leading up to his arrest. According to law enforcement officers who testified at the trial, Webster informed them, following his arrest, that he knew those attempting to

shoot him from “relations in the street,” and that he had conducted “surveillance” on them in the days before his arrest.

Following the sentencing hearing, United States Attorney David C. Weiss noted that this was Webster’s third conviction for a gun-related crime. Mr. Weiss stated, “Mr. Webster made a career out of gun-related activity. That career is over. The Court’s sentence makes it clear that armed career criminals will be severely punished.”

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